Drug Addiction

2030. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any arrangements in the hospitals of the country to give a special treatment to people who are affected by drug addiction, drugs like heroin etc.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Facilities for treatment of drugs addiction exist in most of the major hospitals as well as medical colleges. These are suitably modified from time to time.

Appointment of Class IV Staff in Mechanical Branch (Doco) of Lucknow

2031. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of a panel of 466 candidates recently formed for appointment to Class IV posts in Mechanical Branch (Loco) of the Lucknow Division of the North Eastern Railway 207 have not been appointed as yet; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when all the selected candidates are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The service particulars of 207 candidates are being verified. After the verfication is completed, the eligible candidates will be considered for appointment in Gruop 'D' subject to availability of vacancies.

Interim relief for Railwaymen

2032. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the New Delhi edition of the *Times of India* of the 17th July, 1985 regarding the demand that the second interim relief for railwaymen granted from March 1985 should be effective from June 1, 1983 and that this should be reckoned as pay for all purposes; and

(b) if so, what is Government's action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The orders regarding the second interim relief issued by the Ministry of Railways are based on, and identical with, those issued by the Ministry of Finance for the Central Government employees in all respects, including the date from which the interim relief is to be paid and the purposes for which it is to be reckoned as pay. The Ministry of Railways propose to continue to maintain uniformity with the employees of other Central Government Department in the matter of payment of interim relief to Railway employees.

Mentally retarded persons in the country

2033. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and the neuro sciences has discovered that about 14 million people in India are affected by serious mental disorders;

(b) whether it is a fact that mental health services available in the country are too inadequate to cope with the problem; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what are the reasons for such a high incidence of mental disorders in the country and what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to provide adequate medical facilities all over the country particularly the rural areas to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) A survey conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science, Bangalore in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research does indicate that the number of people affected by serious mental dis-orders may come to around 14 millions in the country. The opinion of experts is that the rapid urbanisation and industrialization with the associated stress and strains of day-to-day life have perhaps contributed towards increase in the incidence of symptoms of mental illness, particularly of psychosomatic and neurotic nature. Facilities for mental health conselling and treatment are available in Mental Hospitals/Institutions as well as in General Hospitals in most of the State. Taking into account the needs of all the persons requiring assistance for all types of mental disorders, such facilities often fall short of the total requirements. Plans to develop a structural frame work aimed at providing the basic mental health facilities through community out-reach programmes are also contemplated within the resources and priorities of the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

2034. [*Transferred to the 22nd August, 1985*].

Recommendations of the National Board of Adult Education for Literacy Programme

2035. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Board of Adult Education had recommended in 1983 for a legislation to make literacy programme compulsory;

(b) whether the said recommendation has been implemented by Government; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The recommendation is under the consideration of Government.

Family Planning Programme in the country

2036. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the family planning programme has failed to achieve its target during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to make the family planning programme more effective and successful during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). An analysis of the performance of the Family Planning programme during the Sixth Plan shows that the achievement of target was around 80 per cent. Performance under the FW Programme depends on a number of factors including prevalent socio-economic conditions the outreach of delivery system, efforts made in demand generation and the efficiency of the programme management.

(c) The broad strategies proposed to be adopted during the 7th Five Year